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the concession. As I said, there are backward Christian communities, for example Christian Cheramars and Christian Sambavars are backward in education. When members of these communities apply for appointment, they are given the same concessions as similar Hindu backward communities.

Statement, by communities, of medical officers.

46. * **Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju** : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by communities, of the Surgeons, Deputy Surgeons, Assistant Surgeons, and Sub-Assistant Surgeons in the Medical Department ?

Mr. James Simpson (*Surgeon-General*) : A *statement is placed on the table.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail (*Nominated*) : May I know whether there are any Muslim applicants ?

Mr. James Simpson : There were some last year.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail : How many ?

Mr. James Simpson : I do not know the exact number.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail : What action was taken in regard to the recruitment of Muslims ?

Mr. James Simpson : It is entirely a matter for the Public Service Commissioner.

Upputhara village in Peermade taluk.

47. * **Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of families now living at Upputhara in the Peermade taluk ; and

(*b*) the distance from Upputhara to the nearest hospital Anchal Office and school ?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar : (*a*) About 450.

(*b*) The nearest medical institution is Bonami grant-in-aid dispensary. It is nearly 13 miles from Upputhara. There is another dispensary in the Cheenthalar Estate about three miles from Upputhara ; but the public cannot get free medical aid from there as it is not a grant-in-aid dispensary. The nearest Anchal Office is Bonami, nearly thirteen miles from Upputhara. There is a grant-in-aid primary school at Upputhara.

Construction of a bridge across the Muleplakkal thodu.

48. * **Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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(*a*) whether the inhabitants of Manimala Pakuthi, Changanacherry taluk, have, through resolutions in public meetings and petitions, applied to them for a bridge being constructed across the Muleplakkal *thodu* ;

(*b*) whether the Public Works Department has at any time prepared an estimate for the construction of a bridge accordingly ;

(*c*) whether any preliminary works for the construction of the bridge were ever done there ;

(*d*) if so, the reason for not continuing the work afterwards ;

(*e*) if any preliminary works have been done, the amount expended therefor : and

(*f*) whether any amount has been sanctioned in this year's budget for the said work ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Owing to prohibitive cost and financial stringency.

(*e*) Rs. 4,141-19-8.

(*f*) No.

Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju: ശരിയായി ആലോചിക്കാതെയാണോ ഈ പണി നടത്താൻ ആലോചിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : The original estimate was prepared and the work was started. But it was found that there were enormous difficulties in regard to the foundations. That is why it could not be taken up.

Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju: പ്രയാസങ്ങൾ എന്തെല്ലാം നോട്ടീസ് എന്നു പറയുവാൻ മടിയുണ്ടാകുമോ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : It was a work started about thirty five years ago and I am therefore unable to give any definite reasons now.

Construction of the Ambalapuzha-Tiruvella road.

49. ✻ **Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total length of the Ambalapuzha-Tiruvella road ;

(*b*) the number of miles of the road constructed which may be made use of ;

(*c*) the amount sanctioned in this year's budget for this work ; and

(*d*) when this work is expected to be completed ?

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